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**VIA TELEFAX AND
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May 8, 2000

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Re: **Crater Resources, Inc. Superfund Site, Upper Merion Township,
Montgomery County, Pennsylvania**

Dear Brenda:

This letter is in response to your telefaxed letter to me dated May 1, 2000 regarding your client, Liberty Property Trust, Inc.'s ("Liberty") previous response activities and development of the "Yellow Property" at Renaissance Boulevard located in Upper Merion Township, Pennsylvania. Your letter incorrectly stated the content and intent of my May 1, 2000 voice mail message to you concerning United States Environmental Protection Agency's ("EPA" or "Agency") involvement and contacts with Liberty in connection with their proposed development of the Yellow Property. The purpose of my voice mail to you was to continue our discussions about your client's April 27, 2000 written request for a comfort letter to the Upper Merion Township Board of Supervisors ("Board"). I wanted to discuss Liberty's current development plans and its possible impacts upon the Site and any future response actions contemplated for the Site. In an effort to develop an appropriate response for the Board, I believed that an open dialogue about those issues would be necessary and helpful in achieving that goal.

You correctly stated in your letter that EPA had been apprised of Liberty's most recent development plans for that parcel. The enclosed letter, dated January 27, 2000, from your office's Consulting Engineer, Mr. Darryl Borelli to Ms. Andrea M. Lord, Remedial Project Manager for the Crater Resources Site ("Site") indicated Liberty's plan for the erection of a second building which would be similar in nature to the existing building on the Yellow Property. Mr. Borelli's January 27, 2000 letter also indicated Liberty's intention to construct a detention basin/pond as part of the Yellow Property development. Enclosed with that letter was a visual illustration of Liberty's development plans for the second building entitled, "Final Land Development Plan for 2301 Renaissance Boulevard." It is my understanding from Mr. Borelli's letter that Liberty's purpose for transmitting this information was in an effort to continue its practice of informing the Agency of any planned construction activities on and in the vicinity of the Site. However, you incorrectly stated in your letter that these plans were reviewed and

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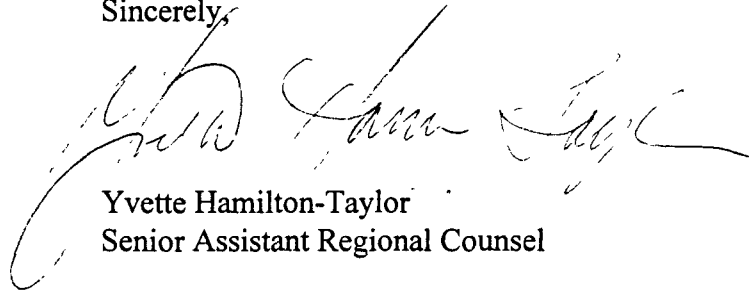
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discussed with EPA. While Mr. Borelli and EPA's Remedial Project Manager have briefly discussed the plans by telephone, Mr. Borelli has not sought a meeting with EPA to review these current plans nor sought a consultation with EPA in connection with the proposed construction of the second building. Although, Mr. Borelli did meet with EPA's Remedial Project Manager in connection with Liberty's development plan for the Yellow property, the subject of that meeting was the development plans for the erection of Liberty's first building prior to the commencement of that construction.

With respect to Liberty's recent request for a letter from EPA to the Board regarding Liberty's current construction plans for the Yellow property, EPA is currently developing clarification on EPA's viewpoint on Liberty's plans and any possible impact on any future response actions contemplated for the Site. If you need clarification on any of the aforementioned issues or would like to discuss any concerns you may have, please call me at (215) 814-2636. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

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January 27, 2000

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Re: Liberty Property Trust - Renaissance at Gulph Mills

Dear Andrea:

In keeping with our past efforts to keep EPA apprised with respect to Liberty's development efforts on the "Yellow" parcel, please find enclosed a plan for the erection of a second building to be constructed on the parcel during 2000. The building will be similar in area and height to the existing Yellow parcel building.

As you will note, one large detention basin/pond is planned as part of the site development. The large basin to be located adjacent to the two structures will cover a portion of the former "Quarry 4". This basin will be constructed in a fashion consistent with the existing smaller basin which is located in the southeastern corner of the parcel, including the placement of a liner to inhibit the infiltration of groundwater into the former quarry.

With respect to the remediation efforts that have been conducted on the former pipeline on the Yellow parcel, Penn Environmental & Remediation, Inc. informs me that they have obtained a permit to conduct work in the wetland areas adjacent to the pipeline. Penn expects that their remedial efforts will be completed in the first quarter of 2000 with a report documenting the removal of the pipeline to follow soon thereafter.



Andrea Lord
January 27, 2000
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Please give me a call with any questions on these plans or Liberty's efforts on the Yellow parcel.

Sincerely,



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